

News Release

Saskatoon Board of Education approves 2025-26 school budget; Board Chair says budget represents “Step in the right direction”

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At this evening’s meeting of the Saskatoon Board of Education, the board approved the annual operating and capital budget for the 2025-26 school year.

“This budget is a step in the right direction,” says Kim Stranden, Ward 4 Trustee and Board Chair. “The funding allocated to our school division in 2025-26 has allowed for significant investments in student supports including teaching professionals, educational assistants, special education programs, professional development and other operating costs.”

Some of the notable **operating** budget lines include:

- 41 additional teachers to support enrolment growth.
- 65 additional educational assistants (EAs). EAs provide support to teachers and assist students who require extra attention.
- 55 new intervention teachers (targeted support for students).
- Eight additional specialized classrooms, for a total of nine. Specialized classrooms address the needs of students with diverse learning requirements, including those with disabilities, language barriers or behavioral challenges.
- Expansion of the new School Connections Program. The School Connections Program is designed to support students who are temporarily unable to participate in a traditional school setting due to safety concerns.

The **capital** budget lines include:

- Preplanning funding for a new elementary school in Aspen Ridge.
- Preplanning funding for a new elementary school in Kensington.
- Continued funding to support:
 - Construction of a new elementary school in Brighton.
 - Construction of a new city centre school to serve the communities of King George, Pleasant Hill and Riversdale.
 - Construction of a new high school in Holmwood (adjacent to Brighton).

“We’re pleased that the 2025 provincial budget provided the adequate funds to cover inflationary increases, enrolment growth and to partially address increasing student need,” says Stranden. “Not receiving adequate funding in previous years has led to larger class sizes, decreased ability to meet growing student need, increased fees for families and reduced investment in school buildings. This year’s budget gives me hope that we’re starting down a new and better path.”

As per the standard process, division administration prepared the 2025-26 annual operating and capital budget estimates and presented them to the board for approval. This budget will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

View the [Saskatoon Public Schools 2025-26 Budget Report](#).

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